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This report summarizes the methods and sources of information used to prepare the Seismic Hazard Zone Map for the Black Star Canyon 7.5-minute Quadrangle, Orange County, California. The map displays the boundaries of Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslides over an area of approximately 57 square miles at a scale of 1 inch = 2,000 feet. Approximately five square miles in the northeastern corner of the quadrangle is within western Riverside County and was not evaluated.

The Black Star Canyon Quadrangle in eastern Orange County includes portions of the cities of Anaheim and Yorba Linda in the northwestern quarter where residential development has taken place in recent years. The entire quadrangle lies within the Santa Ana Mountains where elevations ranging from 300 feet in the northwest to 3700 feet in the east. Santa Ana Canyon, cut by the Santa Ana River, forms the northern boundary where dense commercial development covers the floor of the valley. The area is accessible by the Orange County Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Routes 241 and 261) and the Riverside Freeway (State Highway 91). Highway 241 runs almost the length of the western half of the quadrangle separating populated areas to the west from largely unpopulated areas to the east. The Cleveland National Forest extends into the eastern third of the quadrangle.

The map is prepared by employing geographic information system (GIS) technology, which allows the manipulation of three-dimensional data. Information considered includes topography, surface and subsurface geology, borehole data, historical ground-water levels, existing landslide features, slope gradient, rock-strength measurements, geologic structure, and probabilistic earthquake shaking estimates. The shaking inputs are based upon probabilistic seismic hazard maps that depict peak ground acceleration, mode magnitude, and mode distance with a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years.

In the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle the liquefaction zone is restricted to the bottom of the Santa Ana River Canyon, Santiago Creek Canyon, and several smaller canyons. Several of the rock units in this mountainous quadrangle contain weak strata. Accordingly, the combination of dissected hills and weak rocks has produced widespread and abundant landslides. These conditions contribute to an earthquake-induced landslide zone that covers about 44 percent of the evaluated part of the quadrangle.

How to view or obtain the map

Seismic Hazard Zone Maps, Seismic Hazard Zone Reports and additional information on seismic hazard zone mapping in California are available on the Division of Mines and Geology's Internet page: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

Paper copies of Official Seismic Hazard Zone Maps, released by DMG, which depict zones of required investigation for liquefaction and/or earthquake-induced landslides, are available for purchase from:

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Seismic Hazard Zone Reports (SHZR) summarize the development of the hazard zone map for each area and contain background documentation for use by site investigators and local government reviewers. These reports are available for reference at DMG offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. **NOTE: The reports are not available through BPS Reprographic Services.**

INTRODUCTION

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (the Act) of 1990 (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.8, Division 2) directs the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) to delineate seismic hazard zones. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the threat to public health and safety and to minimize the loss of life and property by identifying and mitigating seismic hazards. Cities, counties, and state agencies are directed to use the seismic hazard zone maps in their land-use planning and permitting processes. They must withhold development permits for a site within a zone until the geologic and soil conditions of the project site are investigated and appropriate mitigation measures, if any, are incorporated into development plans. The Act also requires sellers (and their agents) of real property within a mapped hazard zone to disclose at the time of sale that the property lies within such a zone. Evaluation and mitigation of seismic hazards are to be conducted under guidelines established by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 1997; also available on the Internet at http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/webdocs/sp117.pdf

The Act also directs SMGB to appoint and consult with the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act Advisory Committee (SHMAAC) in developing criteria for the preparation of the seismic hazard zone maps. SHMAAC consists of geologists, seismologists, civil and structural engineers, representatives of city and county governments, the state insurance commissioner and the insurance industry. In 1991 SMGB adopted initial criteria for delineating seismic hazard zones to promote uniform and effective statewide implementation of the Act. These initial criteria provide detailed standards for mapping regional liquefaction hazards. They also directed DMG to develop a set of probabilistic seismic maps for California and to research methods that might be appropriate for mapping earthquake-induced landslide hazards.

In 1996, working groups established by SHMAAC reviewed the prototype maps and the techniques used to create them. The reviews resulted in recommendations that 1) the process for zoning liquefaction hazards remain unchanged and 2) earthquake-induced landslide zones be delineated using a modified Newmark analysis.

This Seismic Hazard Zone Report summarizes the development of the hazard zone map. The process of zoning for liquefaction uses a combination of Quaternary geologic mapping, historical ground-water information, and subsurface geotechnical data. The process for zoning earthquake-induced landslides incorporates earthquake loading, existing landslide features, slope gradient, rock strength, and geologic structure. Probabilistic seismic hazard maps, which are the underpinning for delineating seismic hazard zones, have been prepared for peak ground acceleration, mode magnitude, and mode distance with a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years (Petersen and others, 1996) in accordance with the mapping criteria.

This report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for potentially liquefiable soils and earthquake-induced landslides in the Black Star Canyon 7.5-minute Quadrangle.

SECTION 1
LIQUEFACTION EVALUATION REPORT

Liquefaction Zones in the Black Star Canyon 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Orange County, California

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PURPOSE

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This section of the evaluation report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for potentially liquefiable soils in the Black Star Canyon 7.5-minute Quadrangle. This section, along with Section 2 (addressing earthquake-induced landslides), and Section 3 (addressing potential ground shaking), form a report that is one of a series that summarizes production of similar seismic hazard zone maps within the state (Smith, 1996). Additional information on seismic hazards zone mapping in California is on DMG's Internet web page: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

BACKGROUND

Liquefaction-induced ground failure has historically been a major cause of earthquake damage in southern California. During the 1971 San Fernando and 1994 Northridge earthquakes, significant damage to roads, utility pipelines, buildings, and other structures in the Los Angeles area was caused by liquefaction-induced ground displacement.

Localities most susceptible to liquefaction-induced damage are underlain by loose, water-saturated, granular sediment within 40 feet of the ground surface. These geological and ground-water conditions exist in parts of southern California, most notably in some densely populated valley regions and alluviated floodplains. In addition, the potential for strong earthquake ground shaking is high because of the many nearby active faults. The combination of these factors constitutes a significant seismic hazard in the southern California region in general, including areas in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

METHODS SUMMARY

Characterization of liquefaction hazard presented in this report requires preparation of maps that delineate areas underlain by potentially liquefiable sediment. The following were collected or generated for this evaluation:

- Existing geologic maps were used to provide an accurate representation of the spatial distribution of Quaternary deposits in the study area. Geologic units that generally are susceptible to liquefaction include late Quaternary alluvial and fluvial sedimentary deposits and artificial fill

- Construction of shallow ground-water maps showing the historically highest known ground-water levels

- Quantitative analysis of geotechnical data to evaluate liquefaction potential of deposits

- Information on potential ground shaking intensity based on DMG probabilistic shaking maps

The data collected for this evaluation were processed into a series of geographic information system (GIS) layers using commercially available software. The liquefaction zone map was derived from a synthesis of these data and according to criteria adopted by the SMGB (DOC, 2000).

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

Evaluation for potentially liquefiable soils generally is confined to areas covered by Quaternary (less than about 1.6 million years) sedimentary deposits. Such areas within the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle consist mainly of alluviated valleys, floodplains, and canyons. DMG's liquefaction hazard evaluations are based on information on earthquake ground shaking, surface and subsurface lithology, geotechnical soil properties, and ground-water depth, which is gathered from various sources. Although selection of data used in this evaluation was rigorous, the quality of the data used varies. The State of California and the Department of Conservation make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of the data obtained from outside sources.

Liquefaction zone maps are intended to prompt more detailed, site-specific geotechnical investigations, as required by the Act. As such, liquefaction zone maps identify areas where the potential for liquefaction is relatively high. They do not predict the amount or direction of liquefaction-related ground displacements, or the amount of damage to facilities that may result from liquefaction. Factors that control liquefaction-induced ground failure are the extent, depth, density, and thickness of liquefiable materials, depth to ground water, rate of drainage, slope gradient, proximity to free faces, and intensity and duration of ground shaking. These factors must be evaluated on a site-specific basis to assess the potential for ground failure at any given project site.

Information developed in the study is presented in two parts: physiographic, geologic, and hydrologic conditions in PART I, and liquefaction and zoning evaluations in PART II.

PART I

PHYSIOGRAPHY

Study Area Location and Physiography

The Black Star Canyon Quadrangle covers an area of about 62 square miles at the northern end of the Santa Ana Mountains. Most of the quadrangle is in Orange County except for about five square miles of unevaluated terrain in the northeastern corner that lies in Riverside County. The mapped area includes portions of the cities of Anaheim, Orange, and Yorba Linda, as well as unincorporated portions of Orange County. The Santa Ana River and Santiago Creek drain the northern and central portions of the quadrangle. These two drainage systems are separated by the eastern part of the Peralta Hills, a west-trending projection of the Santa Ana Mountains that includes the Anaheim Hills community within the City of Anaheim. Southeast of Santiago Creek is an upland area of unincorporated Orange County that includes a prominent monocline of Puente Formation, locally named Loma Ridge. Elevations in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle range from about 380 feet at the mouth of Santa Ana Canyon, near the northwestern corner of the quadrangle, to 3,045 feet at Sierra Peak in the Santa Ana Mountains, on the county line in the northeastern portion of the quadrangle.

The southwestern quarter of the quadrangle, where relief is moderate, consists of rolling hills underlain by Miocene sedimentary rocks. Elevations here range from 440 feet to 1332 feet. The present and ancestral drainages of Santiago Creek generally define an erosional separation between areas underlain by sedimentary rocks of contrasting ages. Resistant Mesozoic metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks underlie the higher elevations of the Santa Ana Mountains in the eastern part of the quadrangle. The foothill section of the Santa Ana Mountains has been sculpted by erosion into a maze of canyons and tributary gullies—including Black Star Canyon, a tributary of Santiago Creek that has been referred to locally as the "Grand Canyon of the Santa Ana Mountains."

The Black Star Quadrangle is nearly bisected by the north-south Orange County Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Route 241). The northern border of the study area is accessible from the Riverside Freeway (State Route 91), which follows the southern bank of the Santa Ana River, through Santa Ana Canyon.

Dense commercial development covers the floor of the Santa Ana River valley. Residential development in recent years has taken place mainly along the lower slopes and ridgetops in the northwestern part of the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, west of the Eastern Transportation Corridor. Most residential development in the upland areas consists of major projects that required substantial grading and drainage modification prior to construction.

GEOLOGY

Surficial Geology

Geologic units that generally are susceptible to liquefaction include late Quaternary alluvial and fluvial sedimentary deposits and artificial fill. The geologic map for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle was digitized by the Southern California Areal Mapping Project [SCAMP](1995) from DMG 1:12,000-scale mapping by Miller and Tan (1983) and Tan (1992). Quaternary unit designations were compiled by the Southern California Areal Mapping Project (1995) from Miller and Tan (1983) and Tan (1992) and received "spot field review" during the course of this investigation. Schoellhamer and others (1981) also described the geologic units in the northern Santa Ana Mountains. Regional maps by Morton and Miller (1981) and by Greenwood and Morton (1990) cover this area too. The Quaternary geologic map of the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle is reproduced as Plate 1.1.

Quaternary deposits of older alluvium flank the lower slopes of the hills and lie beneath the basin area in the west half of the quadrangle. The deposits along the Santa Ana River and Santiago Creek include late Pleistocene (?) to Holocene floodplain and stream terrace deposits (Qvofsa, Qvofga, Qvofa, Qofa, Qyfsa, Qyfga, Qyfa, Qf1, Qp, Qycsa, Qyag, Qyaa). These deposits consist of unconsolidated to poorly consolidated mixtures of sand, silt, and gravel. The only units mapped in this quadrangle as artificial fill (af) are earth-filled embankment dams and highway-related engineered fills.

Descriptions of characteristics of geologic units recorded on the Quaternary Geologic Map (Plate 1.1) and in borehole logs are given below. These descriptions are necessarily generalized but give the most commonly encountered characteristics of the units (see Table 1.1).

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Information on subsurface geology and engineering characteristics of flatland deposits was obtained from borehole logs collected from reports on geotechnical projects. For this investigation, about 34 borehole logs were obtained from the database compiled by Sprotte and others (1980) for ground-response studies, with additional water-well logs from the California Department of Water Resources and the Orange County Water District, and geotechnical logs from larger geotechnical firms.

Standard Penetration Test (SPT) data provide a standardized measure of the penetration resistance of a geologic deposit and commonly are used as an index of density. Many geotechnical investigations record SPT data, including the number of blows by a 140-pound drop weight required to drive a sampler of specific dimensions one foot into the soil. Recorded blow counts for non-SPT geotechnical sampling, where the sampler diameter, hammer weight or drop distance differ from those specified for an SPT (ASTM D1586), were converted to SPT-equivalent blow count values and entered into the DMG GIS. The actual and converted SPT blow counts were normalized to a common reference effective overburden pressure of one atmosphere (approximately one ton per square foot) and a hammer efficiency of 60% using a method described by Seed and Idriss (1982) and Seed and others (1985). This normalized blow count is referred to as $(N_1)_{60}$.

Data from previous databases and additional borehole logs were entered into the DMG GIS database. Locations of all exploratory boreholes considered in this investigation are shown on Plate 1.2. Construction of cross sections from the borehole logs, using the GIS, enabled the correlation of soil types from one borehole to another and the outlining of areas of similar subsurface units. These deposits are discussed below.

Older, elevated terrace deposits (Qvofsa ,Qvofga)

Late Pleistocene (?) terrace deposits in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle occur along the margins of Santiago Creek and the Santa Ana River. The terrace sand and gravels and silty-sands are isolated on slopes or found at the base of slopes where ground water is deep, so no extensive effort was made to collect subsurface data.

Old fan deposits (Qofa)

Isolated occurrences of Late Pleistocene (?) older fan deposits were mapped by Miller and Tan (1983) near the head of Baker Canyon. These older, elevated alluvial deposits are likely to be equivalent to the older terrace deposits. They are inferred to consist of dense to very dense sand and gravel with interbedded sand and silty sand.

Lacustrine (lake and pond) deposits (Qp)

Lacustrine deposits in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle occur behind major engineered dams (Santiago Dam) and local embankment dams. They generally consist of soft, wet, silt to silty sand deposits.

Colluvium deposits (Qycsa)

Deposits of colluvium in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle occur along the base of slopes, adjacent to drainages and at the heads of drainages. They generally consist of soft, wet, sand to silty-sand deposits.

Younger (and active) fan deposits (Qyfsa, Qyfga, Qyfa, Qf1)

Younger fan deposits that occur within the drainage courses of the Santa Ana River, Santiago Creek, and adjacent associated drainage courses and upland creeks. They generally consist of wet, loose, gravelly sands, sands, and silty-sands.

Active alluvial deposits (Qyag, Qyaa)

Miller and Tan (1983) identified younger (active) alluvial (wash) deposits within the higher reaches of creeks that are tributary to Santiago Creek. They generally consist of wet, loose, gravelly sands and sands.

Geologic Map Unit	Material Type	Consistency	Age
Qyag, Qyaa, active alluvial deposits	gravelly-sand and sand	Loose	Holocene
Qyfsa, Qyfga, Qf1 younger fan deposits	Gravelly-sand, sand, silty-sand	Loose	Holocene
Qycsa colluvium deposits	sand, silty-sand	Soft	Holocene
Qp lacustrine deposits	Silt, silty-sand	Soft	Holocene
Qofsa old fan deposits	sand & gravel, sand, silty-sand	Dense-very dense	Late Pleistocene (?)
Qvofsa, Qvofga older elevated terrace deposits	sand & gravel, silty-sand	Dense-very dense	Late Pleistocene (?)

Table 1.1. Quaternary Stratigraphic Nomenclature Used in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

GROUND-WATER CONDITIONS

Liquefaction hazard may exist in areas where depth to ground water is 40 feet or less. DMG uses the highest known ground-water levels because water levels during an earthquake cannot be anticipated because of the unpredictable fluctuations caused by natural processes and human activities. A historical-high ground-water map differs from most ground-water maps, which show the actual water table at a particular time. Plate 1.2 depicts a hypothetical ground-water table within alluviated areas.

Ground-water conditions were investigated in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle to evaluate the depth to saturated materials. Saturated conditions reduce the effective normal stress, thereby increasing the likelihood of earthquake-induced liquefaction (Youd, 1973). The evaluation was based on first-encountered water noted in geotechnical borehole logs and selected water wells. The depths to first-encountered unconfined ground water were plotted onto a map of the project area to constrain the estimate of historically shallowest ground water (Plate 1.2.). Water depths from boreholes known to penetrate confined aquifers were not utilized.

The geotechnical boreholes indicate perennial high ground water in the Santiago Creek and Santa Ana River drainages and in the upper portions of the tributary drainages in the Santa Ana Mountains. Sediments in these drainages are assumed to be saturated during periods of high precipitation. The Orange County Water District maintains subsurface inflow in the Santa Ana River Canyon, in accordance with ground-water basin-management practices. The Serrano Water District monitors subsurface inflow into Santiago Creek.

PART II

LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL

Liquefaction may occur in water-saturated sediment during moderate to great earthquakes. Liquefied sediment loses strength and may fail, causing damage to buildings, bridges, and other structures. Many methods for mapping liquefaction hazard have been proposed. Youd (1991) highlights the principal developments and notes some of the widely used criteria. Youd and Perkins (1978) demonstrate the use of geologic criteria as a qualitative characterization of liquefaction susceptibility and introduce the mapping technique of combining a liquefaction susceptibility map and a liquefaction opportunity map to produce a liquefaction potential map. Liquefaction susceptibility is a function of the capacity of sediment to resist liquefaction. Liquefaction opportunity is a function of the potential seismic ground shaking intensity.

The method applied in this study for evaluating liquefaction potential is similar to that of Tinsley and others (1985). Tinsley and others (1985) applied a combination of the techniques used by Seed and others (1983) and Youd and Perkins (1978) for their mapping of liquefaction hazards in the Los Angeles region. This method combines geotechnical analyses, geologic and hydrologic mapping, and probabilistic earthquake shaking estimates, but follows criteria adopted by the SMGB (DOC, 2000).

LIQUEFACTION SUSCEPTIBILITY

Liquefaction susceptibility reflects the relative resistance of a soil to loss of strength when subjected to ground shaking. Physical properties of soil such as sediment grain-size distribution, compaction, cementation, saturation, and depth govern the degree of resistance to liquefaction. Some of these properties can be correlated to a sediment's geologic age and environment of deposition. With increasing age, relative density may increase through cementation of the particles or compaction caused by the weight of the overlying sediment. Grain-size characteristics of a soil also influence susceptibility to liquefaction. Sand is more susceptible than silt or gravel, although silt of low plasticity is treated as liquefiable in this investigation. Cohesive soils generally are not considered susceptible to liquefaction. Such soils may be vulnerable to strength loss with remolding and represent a hazard that is not addressed in this investigation. Soil characteristics and processes that result in higher measured penetration resistances generally indicate lower liquefaction susceptibility. Thus, blow count and cone penetrometer values are useful indicators of liquefaction susceptibility.

Saturation is required for liquefaction, and the liquefaction susceptibility of a soil varies with the depth to ground water. Very shallow ground water increases the susceptibility to liquefaction (soil is more likely to liquefy). Soils that lack resistance (susceptible soils) typically are saturated, loose and sandy. Soils resistant to liquefaction include all soil types that are dry, cohesive, or sufficiently dense.

DMG's map inventory of areas containing soils susceptible to liquefaction begins with evaluation of geologic maps and historical occurrences, cross-sections, geotechnical test data, geomorphology, and ground-water hydrology. Soil properties and soil conditions such as type, age, texture, color, and consistency, along with historical depths to ground water are used to identify, characterize, and correlate susceptible soils. Because Quaternary geologic mapping is based on similar soil observations, liquefaction susceptibility maps typically are similar to Quaternary geologic maps. DMG's qualitative susceptible soil inventory is summarized on Table 1.2.

LIQUEFACTION OPPORTUNITY

Liquefaction opportunity is a measure, expressed in probabilistic terms, of the potential for strong ground shaking. Analyses of in-situ liquefaction resistance require assessment of liquefaction opportunity. The minimum level of seismic excitation to be used for such purposes is the level of peak ground acceleration (PGA) with a 10% probability of exceedance over a 50-year period (DOC, 2000). The earthquake magnitude used in DMG's analysis is the magnitude that contributes most to the calculated PGA for an area.

Geologic Map Unit	Sediment Type	Environment of Deposition	Consistency	Susceptible to Liquefaction?*
Qyaa,Qyag	Gravelly-sand, sand	Active stream channels	Loose	Yes
Qyfsa, Qyfga, Qyfa, Qf1	Gravelly-sand, sand, silty-sand	Younger and active alluvial fans	Loose	Yes
Qycsa	Sand, silty-sand	Colluvial deposits	Soft	Yes
Qp	Silt, silty-sand	Lacustrine deposits	Soft	Yes
Qofa	Sand and gravel, sand, silty-sand	Old fan deposits	Dense to very dense	Not likely
Qvofsa, Qvofga	Sand and gravel, sand, silty-sand	Older alluvial fans	Dense to very dense	Not likely

* When saturated.

Table 1.2. General Geotechnical Characteristics and Liquefaction Susceptibility of Quaternary Sedimentary Units.

Of the 34 geotechnical borehole logs used in this study (Plate 1.2), 5 include blow-count data from SPT's or from penetration tests that allow reasonable blow count translations to SPT- Of the 34 geotechnical borehole logs reviewed in this study (Plate 1.2), 5 include blow-count data from SPTs or from penetration tests that allow reasonable blow count translations to SPT-equivalent values. Non-SPT values, such as those resulting from the use of 2-inch or 2½-inch inside-diameter ring samplers, were translated to SPT-equivalent values if reasonable factors could be used in conversion calculations. The reliability of the SPT-equivalent values varies. Therefore, they are weighted and used in a more qualitative manner. Few borehole logs, however, include all of the information (e.g. soil density, moisture content, sieve analysis, etc.) required for an ideal Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure. For boreholes having acceptable penetration tests, liquefaction analysis is performed using recorded density, moisture, and sieve test values or using averaged test values of similar materials.

The Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure for liquefaction evaluation was developed primarily for clean sand and silty sand. As described above, results depend greatly on accurate evaluation of in-situ soil density as measured by the number of soil penetration blow counts using an SPT sampler. However, many of the Holocene alluvial deposits in the study area contain a significant amount of gravel. In the past, gravelly soils were considered not to be susceptible to liquefaction because the high permeability of these soils presumably would allow the dissipation of pore pressures before liquefaction could occur. However, liquefaction in gravelly soils has been observed during earthquakes, and recent laboratory studies have shown that gravelly soils are susceptible to liquefaction (Ishihara, 1985; Harder and Seed, 1986; Budiman and Mohammadi, 1995; Evans and Zhou, 1995; and Sy and others, 1995). SPT-derived density measurements in gravelly soils are unreliable and generally too high. They are likely to lead to overestimation of the density of the soil and, therefore, result in an underestimation of the liquefaction susceptibility. To identify potentially liquefiable units where the N values appear to have been affected by gravel content, correlations were made with boreholes in the same unit where the N values do not appear to have been affected by gravel content.

LIQUEFACTION ZONES

Criteria for Zoning

Areas underlain by materials susceptible to liquefaction during an earthquake were included in liquefaction zones using criteria developed by the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act Advisory Committee and adopted by the SMGB (DOC, 2000). Under those guideline criteria, liquefaction zones are areas meeting one or more of the following:

1. Areas known to have experienced liquefaction during historical earthquakes

2. All areas of uncompacted artificial fill containing liquefaction-susceptible material that are saturated, nearly saturated, or may be expected to become saturated

3. Areas where sufficient existing geotechnical data and analyses indicate that the soils are potentially liquefiable

4. Areas where existing geotechnical data are insufficient

In areas of limited or no geotechnical data, susceptibility zones may be identified by geologic criteria as follows:

a) Areas containing soil deposits of late Holocene age (current river channels and their historic floodplains, marshes and estuaries), where the M7.5-weighted peak acceleration that has a 10% probability of being exceeded in 50 years is greater than or equal to 0.10 g and the water table is less than 40 feet below the ground surface; or

b) Areas containing soil deposits of Holocene age (less than 11,000 years), where the M7.5-weighted peak acceleration that has a 10% probability of being exceeded in 50 years is greater than or equal to 0.20 g and the historical high water table is less than or equal to 30 feet below the ground surface; or

c) Areas containing soil deposits of latest Pleistocene age (11,000 to 15,000 years), where the M7.5-weighted peak acceleration that has a 10% probability of being exceeded in 50 years is greater than or equal to 0.30 g and the historical high water table is less than or equal to 20 feet below the ground surface.

Application of SMGB criteria to liquefaction zoning in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle is summarized below.

Areas of Past Liquefaction

In the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, no areas of documented historic liquefaction are known. Areas showing evidence of paleoseismic liquefaction have not been reported.

Artificial Fills

In the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, artificial fill areas large enough to show at the scale of mapping consist of engineered fill for river levees and elevated freeways. Since these fills are considered to be properly engineered, zoning for liquefaction in such areas depends on soil conditions in underlying strata. Areas of major reservoirs, such as Santiago Reservoir, were not zoned for liquefaction, in accordance with program directives.

Areas with Sufficient Existing Geotechnical Data

The study area does not contain sufficient areal distribution or density of boreholes, nor is the quality of data collected in this investigation from the existing boreholes sufficient to adequately evaluate the liquefaction susceptibility.

Areas with Insufficient Existing Geotechnical Data

Geologic conditions were adequately identified and characterized by representative surface geologic mapping, at a scale that is appropriate for this regional hazard analysis, and by logs from available subsurface boreholes and wells. The areas were placed within Zones of Required Investigations because such soils generally reflect conditions named in the SMGB criteria items 4a-c.

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For the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, a PGA of 0.42 g, resulting from an earthquake of magnitude 6.8, was used for liquefaction analyses. The PGA and magnitude values were based on de-aggregation of the probabilistic hazard at the 10% in 50-year hazard level (Petersen and others, 1996; Cramer and Petersen, 1996). See the ground motion section (3) of this report for further details.

Quantitative Liquefaction Analysis

DMG performs quantitative analysis of geotechnical data to evaluate liquefaction potential using the Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure (Seed and Idriss, 1971; Seed and others, 1983; National Research Council, 1985; Seed and others, 1985; Seed and Harder, 1990; Youd and Idriss, 1997). Using the Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure one can calculate soil resistance to liquefaction, expressed in terms of cyclic resistance ratio (CRR), based on SPT results, ground-water level, soil density, moisture content, soil type, and sample depth. CRR values are then compared to calculated earthquake-generated shear stresses expressed in terms of cyclic stress ratio (CSR). The Seed-Idriss Simplified Procedure requires normalizing earthquake loading relative to a M7.5 event for the liquefaction analysis. To accomplish this, DMG's analysis uses the Idriss magnitude scaling factor (MSF) (Youd and Idriss, 1997). It is convenient to think in terms of a factor of safety (FS) relative to liquefaction, where: FS = (CRR / CSR) * MSF. FS, therefore, is a quantitative measure of liquefaction potential. DMG uses a factor of safety of 1.0 or less, where CSR equals or exceeds CRR, to indicate the presence of potentially liquefiable soil. While an FS of 1.0 is considered the "trigger" for liquefaction, for a site-specific analysis an FS of as much as 1.5 may be appropriate depending on the vulnerability of the site and related structures. The DMG liquefaction analysis program calculates an FS for each geotechnical sample for which blow counts were collected. Typically, multiple samples are collected for each borehole. The lowest FS in each borehole is used for that location. FS values vary in reliability according to the quality of the geotechnical data used in their calculation. FS, as well as other considerations such as slope, presence of free faces, and thickness and depth of potentially liquefiable soil, are evaluated in order to construct liquefaction potential maps, which are then used to make a map showing zones of required investigation.

SECTION 2
EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDE EVALUATION REPORT

Earthquake-Induced Landslide Zones in the Black Star Canyon 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Orange County, California

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PURPOSE

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (the Act) of 1990 (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.8, Division 2) directs the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) to delineate Seismic Hazard Zones. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the threat to public health and safety and to minimize the loss of life and property by identifying and mitigating seismic hazards. Cities, counties, and state agencies are directed to use seismic hazard zone maps prepared by DMG in their land-use planning and permitting processes. The Act requires that site-specific geotechnical investigations be performed prior to permitting most urban development projects within the hazard zones. Evaluation and mitigation of seismic hazards are to be conducted under guidelines established by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 1997; also available on the Internet at http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/webdocs/sp117.pdf).

This section of the evaluation report summarizes seismic hazard zone mapping for earthquake-induced landslides in the Black Star Canyon 7.5-minute Quadrangle. This section, along with Section 1 (addressing liquefaction), and Section 3 (addressing earthquake shaking), form a report that is one of a series that summarizes the preparation of seismic hazard zone maps within the state (Smith, 1996). Additional information on seismic hazard zone mapping in California can be accessed on DMG's Internet web page: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm.

BACKGROUND

Landslides triggered by earthquakes historically have been a significant cause of earthquake damage. In California, large earthquakes such as the 1971 San Fernando, 1989 Loma Prieta, and 1994 Northridge earthquakes triggered landslides that were responsible for destroying or damaging numerous structures, blocking major transportation corridors, and damaging life-line infrastructure. Areas that are most susceptible to earthquake-induced landslides are steep slopes in poorly cemented or highly fractured rocks, areas underlain by loose, weak soils, and areas on or adjacent to existing landslide deposits. These geologic and terrain conditions exist in many parts of California, including numerous hillside areas that have already been developed or are likely to be developed in the future. The opportunity for strong earthquake ground shaking is high in many parts of California because of the presence of numerous active faults. The combination of these factors constitutes a significant seismic hazard throughout much of California, including the hillside areas of the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

METHODS SUMMARY

The mapping of earthquake-induced landslide hazard zones presented in this report is based on the best available terrain, geologic, geotechnical, and seismological data. If unavailable or significantly outdated, new forms of these data were compiled or generated specifically for this project. The following were collected or generated for this evaluation:

- Digital terrain data were used to provide an up-to-date representation of slope gradient and slope aspect in the study area

- Geologic mapping was used to provide an accurate representation of the spatial distribution of geologic materials in the study area. In addition, a map of existing landslides, whether triggered by earthquakes or not, was prepared

- Geotechnical laboratory test data were collected and statistically analyzed to quantitatively characterize the strength properties and dynamic slope stability of geologic materials in the study area

- Seismological data in the form of DMG probabilistic shaking maps and catalogs of strong-motion records were used to characterize future earthquake shaking within the mapped area

The data collected for this evaluation were processed into a series of GIS layers using commercially available software. A slope stability analysis was performed using the Newmark method of analysis (Newmark, 1965), resulting in a map of landslide hazard potential. The earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone was derived from the landslide hazard potential map according to criteria developed in a DMG pilot study (McCrink and Real, 1996) and adopted by the State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 2000).

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The methodology used to make this map is based on earthquake ground-shaking estimates, geologic material-strength characteristics and slope gradient. These data are gathered from a variety of outside sources. Although the selection of data used in this evaluation was rigorous, the quality of the data is variable. The State of California and the Department of Conservation make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of the data gathered from outside sources.

Earthquake-induced landslide zone maps are intended to prompt more detailed, site-specific geotechnical investigations as required by the Act. As such, these zone maps identify areas where the potential for earthquake-induced landslides is relatively high. Due to limitations in methodology, it should be noted that these zone maps do not necessarily capture all potential earthquake-induced landslide hazards. Earthquake-induced ground failures that are not addressed by this map include those associated with ridge-top spreading and shattered ridges. It should also be noted that no attempt has been made to map potential run-out areas of triggered landslides. It is possible that such run-out areas may extend beyond the zone boundaries. The potential for ground failure resulting from liquefaction-induced lateral spreading of alluvial materials, considered by some to be a form of landsliding, is not specifically addressed by the earthquake-induced landslide zone or this report. See Section 1, Liquefaction Evaluation Report for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, for more information on the delineation of liquefaction zones.

The remainder of this report describes in more detail the mapping data and processes used to prepare the earthquake-induced landslide zone map for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle. The information is presented in two parts. Part I covers physiographic, geologic and engineering geologic conditions in the study area. Part II covers the preparation of landslide hazard potential and landslide zone maps.

PART I

PHYSIOGRAPHY

Study Area Location and Physiography

The Black Star Canyon Quadrangle covers an area of about 62 square miles in eastern Orange and western Riverside counties. Approximately five square miles in the northeastern corner of the quadrangle is within western Riverside County and was not included in our analysis. The entire quadrangle lies within the northwest-trending Santa Ana Mountains where elevations ranging from 300 feet in the northwest to 3700 feet in the east. Santa Ana Canyon, incised into the mountains by the westward-flowing Santa Ana River, forms the northern boundary of the area. The Cleveland National Forest extends into the eastern third of the quadrangle. Portions of the cities of Anaheim and Yorba Linda, where mass grading and development has occurred, lie within the northwestern quarter of the quadrangle. The area is accessible from the south by the Orange County Eastern Transportation Corridor (State Routes 241 and 261) and Santiago Canyon Road (along Santiago Creek), and from the northeast and northwest by the Riverside Freeway (State Highway 91). Highway 241 runs almost the length of the western half of the quadrangle separating populated areas to the west from largely unpopulated areas to the east. Undeveloped areas to the east contain brushy chaparral vegetation and relatively steep terrain.

Digital Terrain Data

The calculation of slope gradient is an essential part of the evaluation of slope stability under earthquake conditions. An accurate slope gradient calculation begins with an up-to-date map representation of the earth's surface. To calculate slope gradient for the terrain within the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, a digital elevation model (DEM) was obtained from an airborne interferometric radar platform flown in 1998, with a estimated vertical accuracy of approximately 2 meters (Intermap Corporation, 1999). An interferometric radar DEM is prone to creating false topography where tall building, metal structures, or trees are present. Due to the low lying chaparral vegetation and relatively small residential construction types present, this type of DEM is appropriate for use in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle. Nevertheless, the final hazard zone map was checked for potential errors of this sort and corrected.

A slope map was made from the DEM using a third-order, finite difference, center-weighted algorithm (Horn, 1981). The DEM was also used to make a slope aspect map. The manner in which the slope and aspect maps were used to prepare the zone map will be described in subsequent sections of this report.

GEOLOGY

Bedrock and Surficial Geology

The geologic map for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle was digitized by the Southern California Areal Mapping Project [SCAMP](1995) from DMG 1:12,000-scale mapping by Miller and Tan (1983) and Tan (1992). Geology for the Cleveland National Forest section in the southeastern portion of the quadrangle was taken from Schoellhamer and others (1981). The digital geologic map was modified during this project to reflect field observations and the most recent mapping in the area. In the field, observations were made of exposures, aspects of weathering, and general surface expression of the geologic units. In addition, the relation of the various geologic units to development and abundance of slope failures was noted.

The oldest geologic units, exposed in the eastern part of the area, are Middle to Late Jurassic Bedford Canyon Formation (labeled on geologic map as Jbc) and Late Jurassic-Cretaceous Santiago Peak Volcanics (Jsp, KJsp, Kvsp) (Morton and others, 1976). The Jbc consists of a slightly metamorphosed sedimentary sequence of siltstone and mudstone interbedded with sandstone and conglomerate. The Santiago Peak Volcanics consist of mildly metamorphosed andesitic flows, tuffs, and agglomerates.

Unconformably overlying the basement rocks is a highly varied sequence of nonmarine and marine sedimentary units that range in age from Late Cretaceous to Holocene. The basal unit exposed just to the west of the basement rocks is the Late Cretaceous Trabuco Formation (Ktr), which consists of nonmarine boulder fanglomerate. Overlying the Ktr is a Late Cretaceous, well-bedded marine unit called the Ladd Formation (Kl), which consists of several members: the Baker Canyon Conglomerate (Klb, Klbc), the Holz Shale (Klh, Klhs), and the Holz Sandstone/Conglomerate (Klhsc). The Ladd Formation crops out in the eastern and central portions of the quadrangle.

Overlying the Ladd Formation are Late Cretaceous marine members of the Williams Formation that are exposed throughout the central portion of the quadrangle. The older member is the Schulz Ranch Member (Kws, Kwsr), which consists of siltstone beds that grade upward into conglomeratic sandstone beds. The younger member is the Pleasants Sandstone Member (Kwp, Kwps) that consists of fine-grained silty sandstone layers interbedded with concretionary fine-grained sandstone/siltstone units.

The oldest Tertiary rocks, which were deposited on a major unconformity, are Paleocene Silverado Formation (Tsi) and Eocene-Oligocene Santiago Formation (Tsa). The Tsi is composed of basal nonmarine sandstone and conglomerate with siltstone interbeds that grade upward into marine interbedded sandstone and siltstone. The Tsa is composed of basal marine silty sandstone that grades upward into brackish-nonmarine massive pebbly sandstone. These formations exist throughout much of the southern and eastern portions of the quadrangle.

The Miocene Sespe and Vaqueros formations (Ts and Tv, respectively) overlie the Santiago Formation. Because these two formations have a complex interfingering relationship in the area, they are difficult to separate in the field and are sometimes shown combined on the geologic map (Tvs where this occurs). The Sespe Formation is a poorly bedded, nonmarine coarse to conglomeratic sandstone unit, whereas the Vaqueros Formation is a marine interbedded siltstone, mudstone, and shale unit. These formations crop out in the southern and central portions of the quadrangle, west of the Santiago Formation.

The Miocene Topanga Formation (Tt) and the four members of the Miocene Puente Formation, the La Vida (Tpl), Soquel (Tps), Yorba (Tpy), and Sycamore Canyon (Tpsc) members, were deposited on the Sespe and Vaqueros formations. The Topanga Formation is composed predominantly of marine sandstone beds with occasional tuffaceous sandstone and siltstone interbeds. The La Vida Member is composed of laminated siltstone with thin interbeds of feldspathic sandstone. The Soquel Member consists mainly of coarse-grained to pebbly feldspathic sandstone beds. The Yorba Member consists of thinly bedded siltstone and fine-grained sandstone beds. The Sycamore Canyon Member is composed of interbedded sandstone, siltstone, and conglomerate layers. These formations crop out in the western half of the quadrangle.

Quaternary deposits include late Pleistocene to Holocene floodplain and stream terrace deposits (Qvofsa, Qvofga, Qvofa, Qofa, Qoa, Qco, Qsa, Qyofsa, Qyfsa, Qyfga, Qyfa, Qf1, Qp, Qycsa, Qyag, Qyaa, and Qc). These deposits consist of unconsolidated to poorly consolidated, non-marine mixtures of sand, silt, and gravel. The only items mapped in this quadrangle as artificial fill (af) are earth-filled dam embankments and highway-related engineered fills. A more detailed description of the Quaternary units is given in Section 1 of this report.

Landslide Inventory

As a part of the geologic data compilation, an inventory of existing landslides in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle was prepared by field reconnaissance, analysis of stereo-paired aerial photographs and a review of previously published landslide mapping. Published maps and reports showing or discussing landslides, such as Miller and Tan (1983) and Tan (1992) covering the south and north portions of the quadrangle respectively, were evaluated during the production of the landslide inventory for this study. The aerial photographs are from 1970 (see Air Photos in References). Landslides were mapped and digitized at a scale of 1:24,000. For each landslide included on the map a number of characteristics (attributes) were compiled. These characteristics include the confidence of interpretation (definite, probable and questionable) and other properties, such as activity, thickness, and associated geologic unit(s). Landslides rated as definite and probable were carried into the slope stability analysis. Landslides rated as questionable were not carried into the slope stability analysis due to the uncertainty of their existence. The completed hand-drawn landslide map was scanned, digitized, and the attributes were compiled in a database. A version of this landslide inventory is included with Plate 2.1.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Geologic Material Strength

To evaluate the stability of geologic materials under earthquake conditions, the geologic map units described above were ranked and grouped on the basis of their shear strength. Generally, the primary source for rock shear-strength measurements is geotechnical reports prepared by consultants on file with local government permitting departments. Shear-strength data for the rock units identified on the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle geologic map were obtained from the California Department of Transportation, the Silverado Construction Company, the City of Anaheim, and Environmental Impact Reports and Hospital Review Project files at DMG (see Appendix A). The locations of rock and soil samples taken for shear testing are shown on Plate 2.1. Shear tests from adjoining quadrangles were used to help match formations without geotechnical information with the appropriate strength group.

Shear strength data gathered from the above sources were compiled for each geologic map unit. Geologic units were grouped on the basis of average angle of internal friction (average phi) and lithologic character. Average (mean and median) phi values for each geologic map unit and corresponding strength group are summarized in Table 2.1. For most of the geologic strength groups in the map area, a single shear strength value was assigned and used in our slope stability analysis. A geologic material strength map was made based on the groupings presented in Tables 2.1 and 2.2, and this map provides a spatial representation of material strength for use in the slope stability analysis.

Adverse Bedding Conditions

Adverse bedding conditions are an important consideration in slope stability analyses. Adverse bedding conditions occur where the dip direction of bedded sedimentary rocks is roughly the same as the slope aspect, and where the dip magnitude is less than the slope gradient. Under these conditions, landslides can slip along bedding surfaces due to a lack of lateral support.

To account for adverse bedding in our slope stability evaluation, we used geologic structural data in combination with digital terrain data to identify areas with potentially adverse bedding, using methods similar to those of Brabb (1983). The structural data, derived from the geologic map database, was used to categorize areas of common bedding dip direction and magnitude. The dip direction was then compared to the slope aspect and, if the same, the dip magnitude and slope gradient categories were compared. If the dip magnitude was less than or equal to the slope gradient category but greater than 25% (4:1 slope), the area was marked as a potential adverse bedding area.

The formations, which contain interbedded sandstone and shale, were subdivided based on shear strength differences between coarse-grained (higher strength) and fine-grained (lower strength) lithologies. Shear strength values for the fine- and coarse-grained lithologies were then applied to areas of favorable and adverse bedding orientation, which were determined from structural and terrain data as discussed above. It was assumed that coarse-grained material (higher strength) dominates where bedding dips into a slope (favorable bedding) while fine-grained (lower strength) material dominates where bedding dips out of a slope (adverse bedding). The geologic material strength map was modified by assigning the lower, fine-grained shear strength values to areas where potential adverse bedding conditions were identified. The favorable and adverse bedding shear strength parameters for the formations are included in Table 2.1.

According to statistical protocol, if there are fewer than 30 shear strength tests for a particular formation, the median value, instead of the mean, should be used to represent the formation when forming shear strength groups. There is a disparity between the mean and median value for the rock formations Tvs (abc) and Tpy (abc) that would normally lead to the designation of a new shear strength group, or moving them from one group to another. However, they have been added to their groups based on the similarities to other rock units in those groups. In addition, Group 4 was created at the mean phi angle of 27 degrees instead of median phi angle of 24 degrees because the rocks in this group are stronger than the landslide slip surfaces represented in Group 5 (23 degrees).

Existing Landslides

The strength characteristics of existing landslides (Qls) must be based on tests of the materials along the landslide slip surface. Ideally, shear tests of slip surfaces formed in each mapped geologic unit would be used. However, this amount of information is rarely available, and for the preparation of the earthquake-induced landslide zone map it has been assumed that all landslides within the quadrangle have the same slip surface strength parameters. We collect and use primarily “residual” strength parameters from laboratory tests of slip surface materials tested in direct shear or ring shear test equipment. Back-calculated strength parameters, if the calculations appear to have been performed appropriately, have also been used.

The results of the grouping of geologic materials in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle are in Tables 2.1 and 2.2.

BLACK STAR CANYON QUADRANGLE
SHEAR STRENGTH GROUPS

	Formation Name* (rock types)	Number Tests	Mean/Median Phi (deg)	Mean/Median Group Phi (deg)	Mean/Median Group C (psf)	No data but Similar Lithology	Phi Values Used in Stability Analyses
GROUP 1	Klb(fbc)	2	39/39	40/39	492/550	Jbc, Jsp, KJsp	40
	Kws(fbc)	2	41/41			Kvsp, Klbc(fbc)	
						Kwsr(fbc)	
GROUP 2	Klh	15	37/36	36/36	565/400	Ktr, Kl	36
	Kwp	6	36/34			Kwps, Klhsc	
	Tsi	14	37/37			Klhs, Ts(fbc)	
	Tsa	11	35/35			Tv(fbc)	
	Tvs(fbc)	54	36/36			Qvofa	
	Tt(fbc)	35	37/38			Qvofga	
	Qyofsa	6	37/38			Qvofsa	
	Qyfsa	9	36/37			Qyfga	
GROUP 3	Kws(abc)	3	30/28	31/30	790/370	Klb(abc)	31
	Tvs(abc)	13	30/34			Klbc(abc)	
	Tps(fbc)	1	31/31			Kwsr(abc)	
	Qc	1	30/30			Ts(abc), Ts(abc)	
	af	7	31/29			Tpl(fbc), Tpy(fbc)	
						Tpsc(fbc), Qoa	
						Qofa, Qco, Qsa	
						Qycsa, Qyaa, Qyag	
						Qyfa, Qf1	
GROUP 4	Tt(abc)	4	26/27	27/24	329/285	Tpl(abc), Tps(abc)	27
	Tpy(abc)	10	28/24			Tpsc(abc), Qp	
GROUP 5	Qls	22	23/23	23/23	288/75		23

*abc = adverse bedding condition, fine-grained material strength
*fbc = favorable bedding condition, coarse-grained material strength

Table 2.1. Summary of the Shear Strength Statistics for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

SHEAR STRENGTH GROUPS FOR THE BLACK STAR CANYON QUADRANGLE

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5
Jbc, Jsp	Ktr, Kl	Klb(abc)	Tt(abc)	Qls
KJsp, Kvsp	Klh, Klhsc	Klbc(abc)	Tpl(abc)	
Klb(fbc)	Klhs, Kwps, Kwp	Kws(abc)	Tps(abc)	
Klbc(fbc)	Tsi, Tsa	Kwsr(abc)	Tpy(abc)	
Kws(fbc)	Tvs(fbc)	Tvs(abc)	Tpsc(abc)	
Kwsr(fbc)	Ts(fbc)	Ts(abc)	Qp	
	Tv(fbc)	Tv(abc)		
	Tt(fbc)	Tpl(fbc)		
	Qvofa	Tps(fbc)		
	Qvofga	Tpy(fbc)		
	Qvofsa	Tpsc(fbc)		
	Qyofsa	Qoa, Qoaf		
	Qyfsa	Qco, Qsa		
	Qyfga	Qc, Qysca		
		Qyaa, Qyag		
		Qyfa, Qf1, af		

Table 2.2. Summary of the Shear Strength Groups for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

PART II

EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDE HAZARD POTENTIAL

Design Strong-Motion Record

To evaluate earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential in the study area, a method of dynamic slope stability analysis developed by Newmark (1965) was used. The Newmark method analyzes dynamic slope stability by calculating the cumulative down-slope displacement for a given earthquake strong-motion time history. As implemented for the preparation of earthquake-induced landslide zones, the Newmark method necessitates the selection of a design earthquake strong-motion record to provide the “ground shaking opportunity.” For the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle, selection of a strong motion record was based on an estimation of probabilistic ground motion parameters for modal magnitude, modal distance, and peak ground acceleration (PGA). The parameters were estimated from maps prepared by DMG for a 10% probability of being exceeded in 50 years (Petersen and others, 1996). The parameters used in the record selection are:

Modal Magnitude:	6.8
Modal Distance:	3 to 15 km
PGA:	0.35 to 0.72g

The strong-motion record selected for the slope stability analysis in the Blaack Star Canyon Quadrangle was the USC Station #14 record (Trifunac and others, 1994) from the 1994 6.7-Mw Northridge earthquake. This record had a source to recording site distance of 8.5 km and a peak ground acceleration (PGA) of 0.59 g. The selected strong-motion record was not scaled or otherwise modified prior to its use in the analysis.

Displacement Calculation

The design strong-motion record was used to develop a relationship between landslide displacement and yield acceleration (a_y), defined as the earthquake horizontal ground acceleration above which landslide displacements take place. This relationship was prepared by integrating the design strong-motion record twice for a given acceleration value to find the corresponding displacement, and the process was repeated for a range of acceleration values (Jibson, 1993). The resulting curve in Figure 2.1 represents the full spectrum of displacements that can be expected for the design strong-motion record. This curve provides the required link between anticipated earthquake shaking and estimates of displacement for different combinations of geologic materials and slope gradient, as described in the Slope Stability Analysis section below.

The amount of displacement predicted by the Newmark analysis provides an indication of the relative amount of damage that could be caused by earthquake-induced landsliding. Displacements of 30, 15 and 5 cm were used as criteria for rating levels of earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential based on the work of Youd (1980), Wilson and Keefer (1983), and a DMG pilot study for earthquake-induced landslides (McCrink and Real, 1996). Applied to the curve in Figure 2.1, these displacements correspond to yield accelerations of 0.076, 0.129 and 0.232 g. Because these yield acceleration values are derived from the design strong-motion record, they represent the ground shaking opportunity thresholds that are significant in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

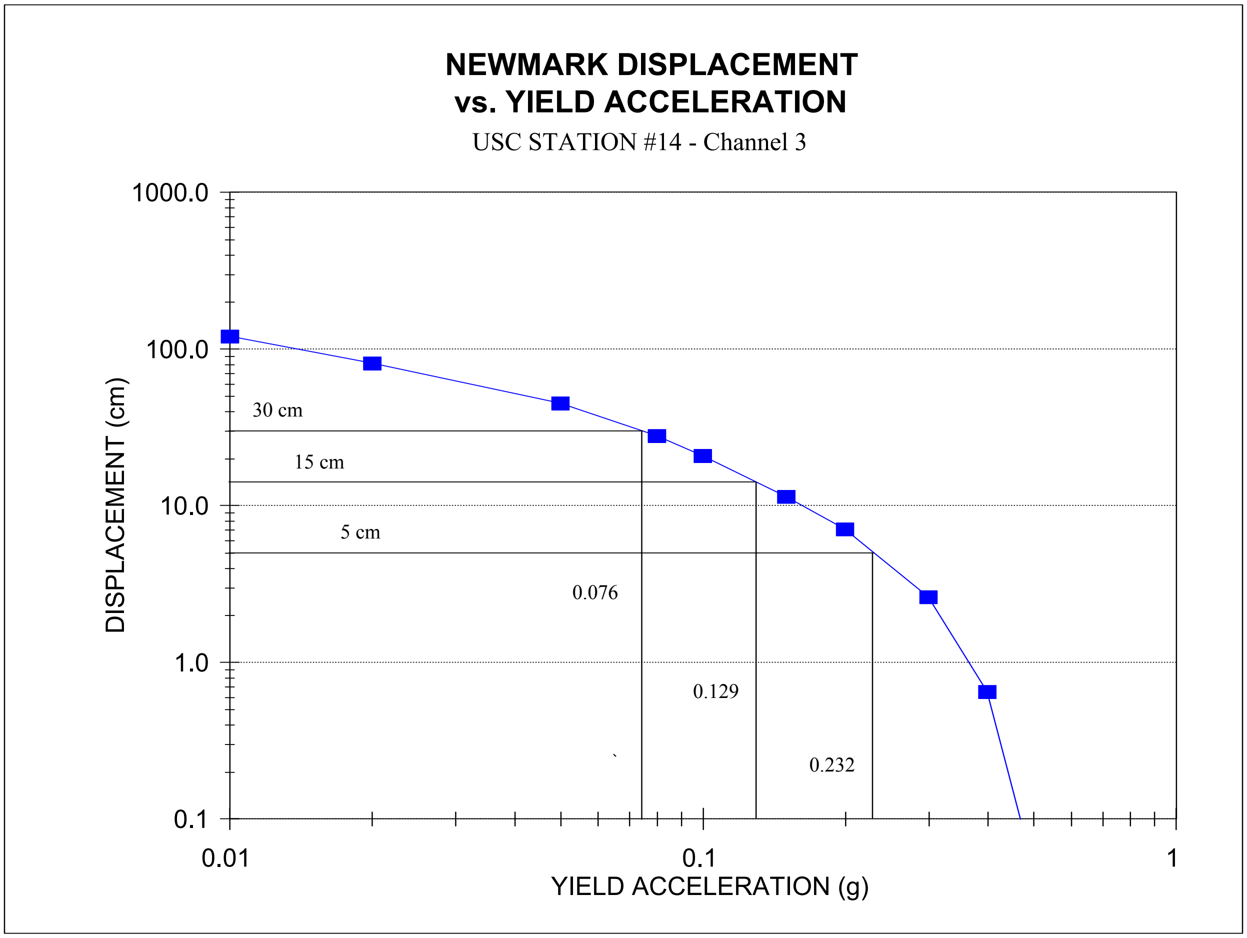

Figure 2.1. Yield Acceleration vs. Newmark Displacement for the USC Station #14 Strong-Motion Record From the 17 January 1994 Northridge, California Earthquake.

Slope Stability Analysis

A slope stability analysis was performed for each geologic material strength group at slope increments of 1 degree. An infinite-slope failure model under unsaturated slope conditions was assumed. A factor of safety was calculated first, followed by the calculation of yield acceleration from Newmark's equation:

$$a_y = (FS - 1)g \sin \alpha$$

where FS is the Factor of Safety, g is the acceleration due to gravity, and α is the direction of movement of the slide mass, in degrees measured from the horizontal, when displacement is initiated (Newmark, 1965). For an infinite slope failure α is the same as the slope angle.

The yield accelerations resulting from Newmark's equations represent the susceptibility to earthquake-induced failure of each geologic material strength group for a range of slope gradients. Based on the relationship between yield acceleration and Newmark displacement shown in Figure 2.1, hazard potentials were assigned as follows:

1. If the calculated yield acceleration was less than 0.076g, Newmark displacement greater than 30 cm is indicated, and a HIGH hazard potential was assigned (H on Table 2.3)

2. If the calculated yield acceleration fell between 0.076g and 0.129g, Newmark displacement between 15 cm and 30 cm is indicated, and a MODERATE hazard potential was assigned (M on Table 2.3)

3. If the calculated yield acceleration fell between 0.129g and 0.232g, Newmark displacement between 5 cm and 15 cm is indicated, and a LOW hazard potential was assigned (L on Table 2.3)

4. If the calculated yield acceleration was greater than 0.232g, Newmark displacement of less than 5 cm is indicated, and a VERY LOW potential was assigned (VL on Table 2.3)

Table 2.3 summarizes the results of the stability analyses. The earthquake-induced landslide hazard potential map was prepared by combining the geologic material-strength map and the slope map according to this table.

BLACK STAR CANYON QUADRANGLE

HAZARD POTENTIAL MATRIX

GEOLOGIC MATERIAL GROUP	MEAN PHI	SLOPE CATEGORY (% SLOPE) I 0 to 26%	II 27 to 35%	III 36 to 41%	IV 42 to 48%	V 49 to 57%	VI 58 to 64%	VII 65 to 69%	VIII 70 to 74%	IX 75% <
1	40	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	L	L	M	H
2	36	VL	VL	VL	VL	L	M	H	H	H
3	31	VL	VL	L	L	H	H	H	H	H
4	27	VL	L	M	H	H	H	H	H	H
5	24	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H

Table 2.3. Hazard Potential Matrix for Earthquake-Induced Landslides in the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle. Shaded area indicates hazard potential levels included within the hazard zone. H = High, M = Moderate, L = Low, VL = Very Low.

EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDE HAZARD ZONE

Criteria for Zoning

Earthquake-induced landslide zones were delineated using criteria adopted by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 2000). Under these criteria, earthquake-induced landslide hazard zones are defined as areas that meet one or both of the following conditions:

1. Areas that have been identified as having experienced landslide movement in the past, including all mappable landslide deposits and source areas as well as any landslide that is known to have been triggered by historic earthquake activity.

2. Areas where the geologic and geotechnical data and analyses indicate that the earth materials may be susceptible to earthquake-induced slope failure.

These conditions are discussed in further detail in the following sections.

Existing Landslides

Existing landslides typically consist of disrupted soils and rock materials that are generally weaker than adjacent undisturbed rock and soil materials. Previous studies indicate that existing landslides can be reactivated by earthquake movements (Keefer, 1984). Earthquake-triggered movement of existing landslides is most pronounced in steep head scarp areas and at the toe of existing landslide deposits. Although reactivation of deep-seated landslide deposits is less common (Keefer, 1984), a significant number of deep-seated landslide movements have occurred during, or soon after, several recent earthquakes. Based on these observations, all existing landslides with a definite or probable confidence rating are included within the earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone.

Geologic and Geotechnical Analysis

Based on the conclusions of a pilot study performed by DMG (McCrink and Real, 1996), it has been concluded that earthquake-induced landslide hazard zones should encompass all areas that have a High, Moderate or Low level of hazard potential (see Table 2.3). This would include all areas where the analyses indicate earthquake displacements of 5 centimeters or greater. Areas with a Very Low hazard potential, indicating less than 5 centimeters displacement, are excluded from the zone.

As summarized in Table 2.3, all areas characterized by the following geologic strength group and slope gradient conditions are included in the earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone:

1. Geologic Strength Group 5 is included for all slope gradient categories. (Note: Geologic Strength Group 5 includes all mappable landslides with a definite or probable confidence rating).

2. Geologic Strength Group 4 is included for all slopes steeper than 26 percent.

3. Geologic Strength Group 3 is included for all slopes steeper than 35 percent.

4. Geologic Strength Group 2 is included for all slopes steeper than 48 percent.

5. Geologic Strength Group 1 is included for all slopes greater than 57 percent.

This results in 44 percent of the quadrangle lying within the earthquake-induced landslide hazard zone for the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

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APPENDIX A

SOURCE OF ROCK STRENGTH DATA

SOURCE	NUMBER OF TESTS SELECTED
California Department of Transportation	147
Silverado Construction Company	34
CDMG EIR Review Files	26
City of Anaheim	8
Total Number of Shear Tests	215

SECTION 3
GROUND SHAKING EVALUATION REPORT

Potential Ground Shaking in the Black Star Canyon 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Orange County, California

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PURPOSE

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (the Act) of 1990 (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.8, Division 2) directs the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) to delineate Seismic Hazard Zones. The purpose of the Act is to reduce the threat to public health and safety and to minimize the loss of life and property by identifying and mitigating seismic hazards. Cities, counties, and state agencies are directed to use the Seismic Hazard Zone Maps in their land-use planning and permitting processes. The Act requires that site-specific geotechnical investigations be performed prior to permitting most urban development projects within the hazard zones. Evaluation and mitigation of seismic hazards are to be conducted under guidelines established by the California State Mining and Geology Board (DOC, 1997; also available on the Internet at http://gmw.consrv.ca.gov/shmp/webdocs/sp117.pdf).

This section of the evaluation report summarizes the ground motions used to evaluate liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslide potential for zoning purposes. Included are ground motion and related maps, a brief overview on how these maps were prepared, precautionary notes concerning their use, and related references. The maps provided herein are presented at a scale of approximately 1:150,000 (scale bar provided on maps), and show the full 7.5-minute quadrangle and portions of the adjacent eight quadrangles. They can be used to assist in the specification of earthquake loading conditions ***for the analysis of ground failure*** according to the "Simple Prescribed Parameter Value" method (SPPV) described in the site investigation guidelines (California Department of Conservation, 1997). Alternatively, they can be used as a basis for comparing levels of ground motion determined by other methods with the statewide standard.

This section and Sections 1 and 2 (addressing liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslide hazards) constitute a report series that summarizes development of seismic hazard zone maps in the state. Additional information on seismic hazard zone mapping in California can be accessed on DMG's Internet homepage: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm

EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MODEL

The estimated ground shaking is derived from the statewide probabilistic seismic hazard evaluation released cooperatively by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology, and the U.S. Geological Survey (Petersen and others, 1996). That report documents an extensive 3-year effort to obtain consensus within the scientific community regarding fault parameters that characterize the seismic hazard in California. Fault sources included in the model were evaluated for long-term slip rate, maximum earthquake magnitude, and rupture geometry. These fault parameters, along with historical seismicity, were used to estimate return times of moderate to large earthquakes that contribute to the hazard.

The ground shaking levels are estimated for each of the sources included in the seismic source model using attenuation relations that relate earthquake shaking with magnitude, distance from the earthquake, and type of fault rupture (strike-slip, reverse, normal, or subduction). The published hazard evaluation of Petersen and others (1996) only considers uniform firm-rock site conditions. In this report, however, we extend the hazard analysis to include the hazard of exceeding peak horizontal ground acceleration (PGA) at 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years on spatially uniform conditions of rock, soft rock, and alluvium. These soil and rock conditions approximately correspond to site categories defined in Chapter 16 of the Uniform Building Code (ICBO, 1997), which are commonly found in California. We use the attenuation relations of Boore and others (1997), Campbell (1997), Sadigh and others (1997), and Youngs and others (1997) to calculate the ground motions.

The seismic hazard maps for ground shaking are produced by calculating the hazard at sites separated by about 5 km. Figures 3.1 through 3.3 show the hazard for PGA at 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years assuming the entire map area is firm rock, soft rock, or alluvial site conditions respectively. The sites where the hazard is calculated are represented as dots and ground motion contours as shaded regions. The quadrangle of interest is outlined by bold lines and centered on the map. Portions of the eight adjacent

BLACK STAR CANYON 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (g)

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FIRM ROCK CONDITIONS

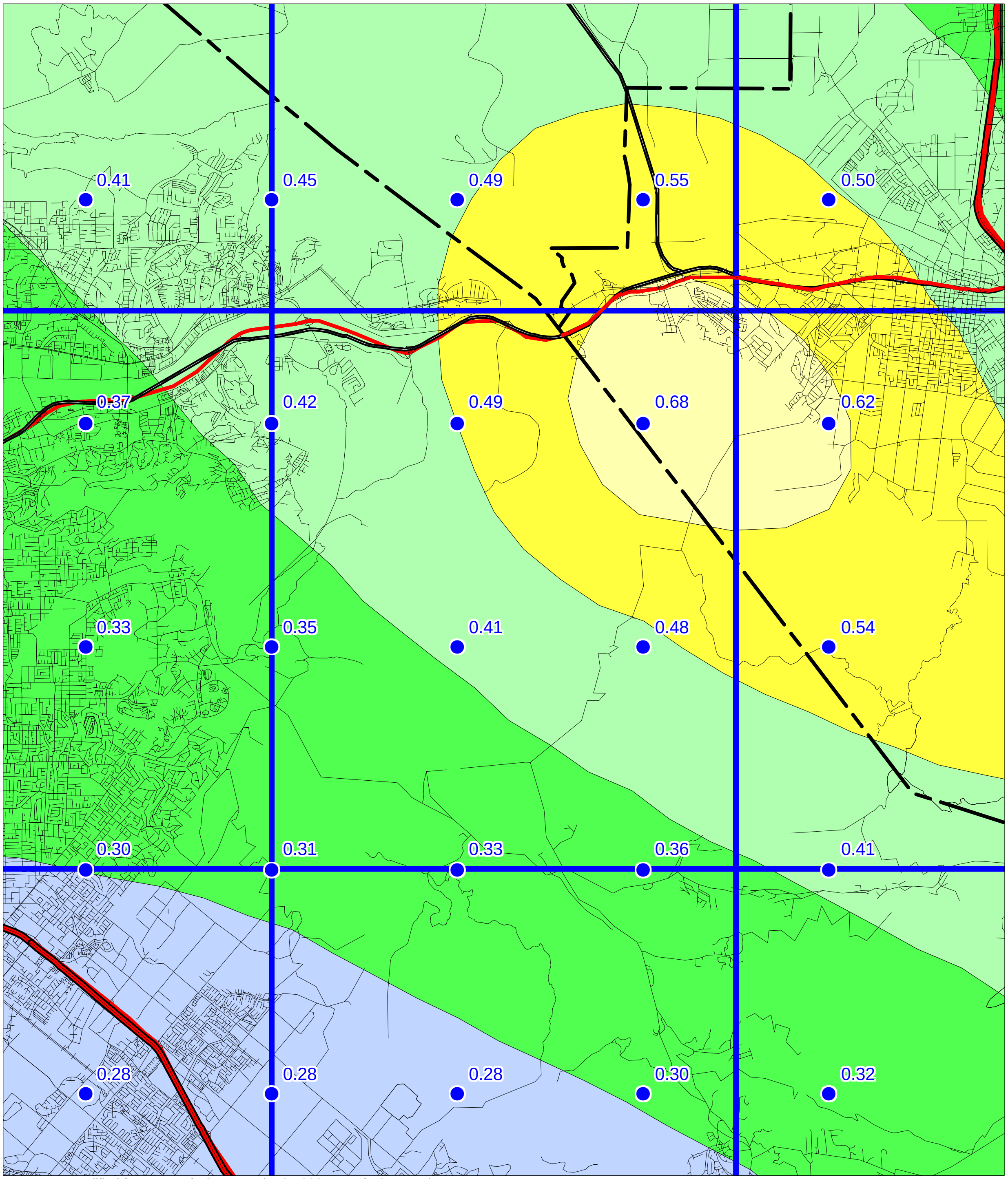

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Figure 3.1

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10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (g)

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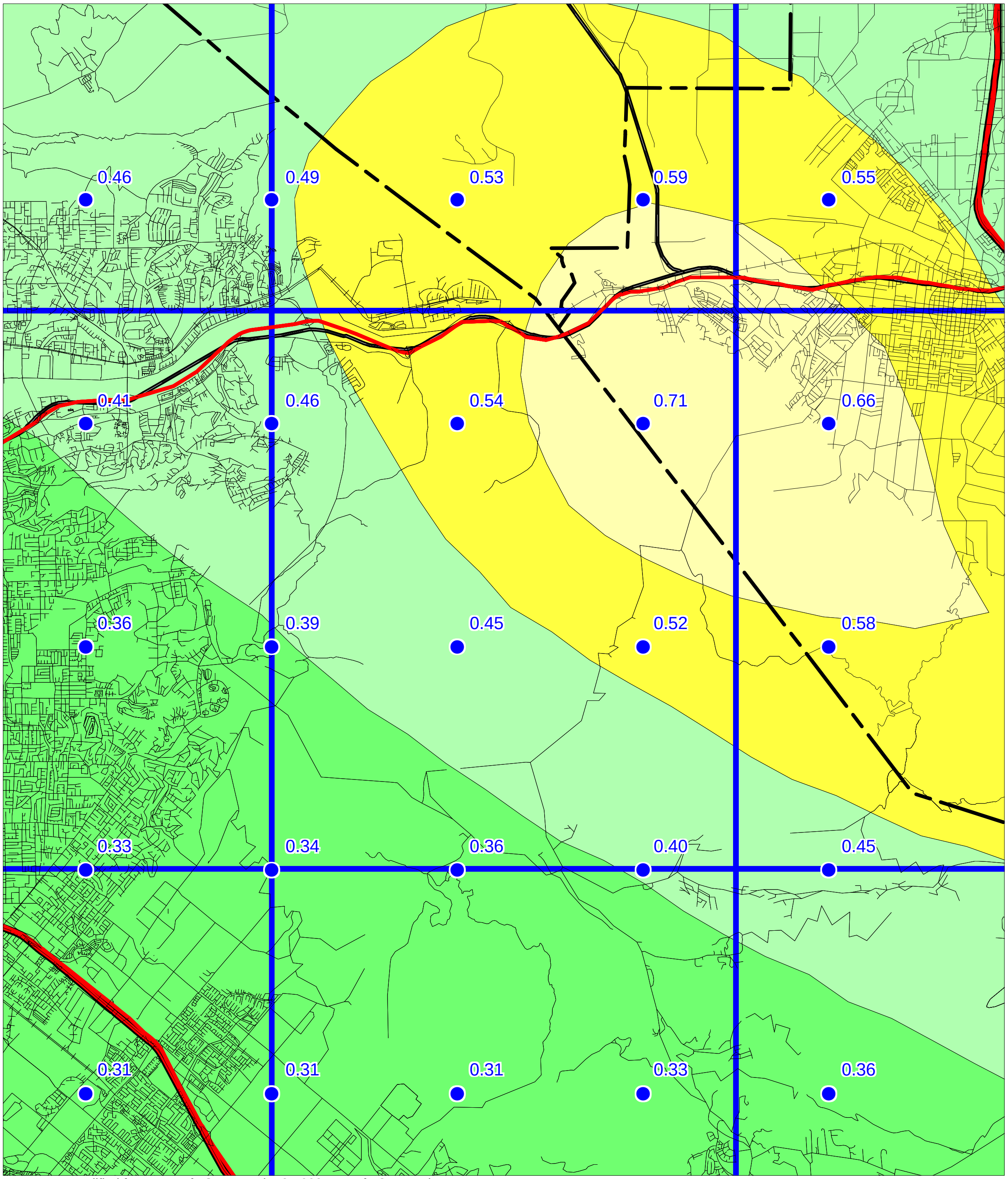
SOFT ROCK CONDITIONS



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ALLUVIUM CONDITIONS

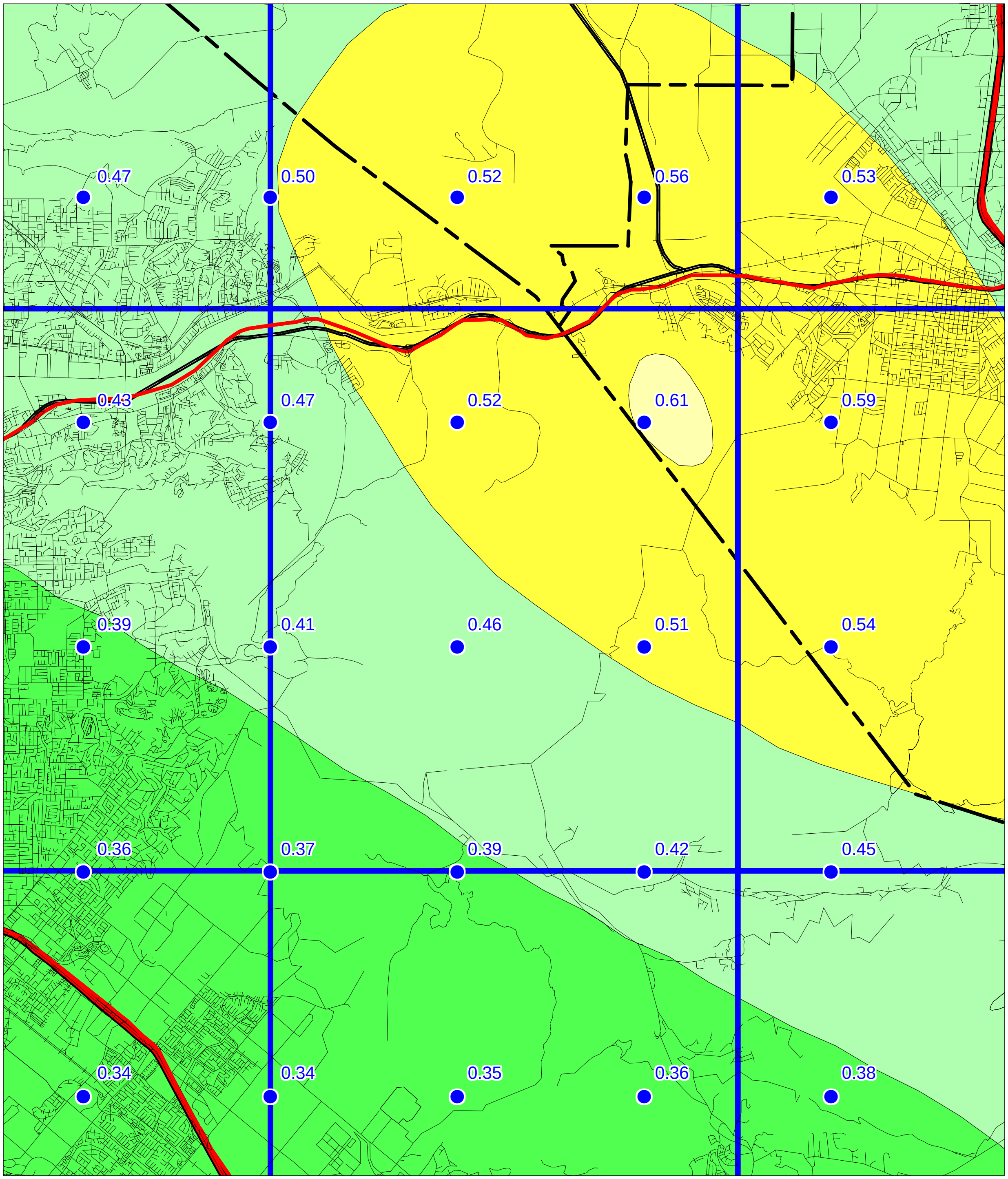

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Figure 3.3

quadrangles are also shown so that the trends in the ground motion may be more apparent. We recommend estimating ground motion values by selecting the map that matches the actual site conditions, and interpolating from the calculated values of PGA rather than the contours, since the points are more accurate.

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUEFACTION AND LANDSLIDE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

Deaggregation of the seismic hazard identifies the contribution of each of the earthquakes (various magnitudes and distances) in the model to the ground motion hazard for a particular exposure period (see Cramer and Petersen, 1996). The map in Figure 3.4 identifies the magnitude and the distance (value in parentheses) of the earthquake that contributes most to the hazard at 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years on alluvial site conditions (*predominant earthquake*). This information gives a rationale for selecting a seismic record or ground motion level in evaluating ground failure. However, it is important to keep in mind that more than one earthquake may contribute significantly to the hazard at a site, and those events can have markedly different magnitudes and distances. For liquefaction hazard the predominant earthquake magnitude from Figure 3.4 and PGA from Figure 3.3 (alluvium conditions) can be used with the Youd and Idriss (1997) approach to estimate cyclic stress ratio demand. For landslide hazard the predominant earthquake magnitude and distance can be used to select a seismic record that is consistent with the hazard for calculating the Newmark displacement (Wilson and Keefer, 1983). When selecting the predominant earthquake magnitude and distance, it is advisable to consider the range of values in the vicinity of the site and perform the ground failure analysis accordingly. This would yield a range in ground failure hazard from which recommendations appropriate to the specific project can be made. Grid values for predominant earthquake magnitude and distance should **not** be interpolated at the site location, because these parameters are not continuous functions.

A preferred method of using the probabilistic seismic hazard model and the "simplified Seed-Idriss method" of assessing liquefaction hazard is to apply magnitude scaling probabilistically while calculating peak ground acceleration for alluvium. The result is a "magnitude-weighted" ground motion (liquefaction opportunity) map that can be used directly in the calculation of the cyclic stress ratio threshold for liquefaction and for estimating the factor of safety against liquefaction (Youd and Idriss, 1997). This can provide a better estimate of liquefaction hazard than use of predominate magnitude described above, because all magnitudes contributing to the estimate are used to weight the probabilistic calculation of peak ground acceleration (Real and others, 2000). Thus, large distant earthquakes that occur less frequently but contribute *more* to the liquefaction hazard are appropriately accounted for.

Figure 3.5 shows the magnitude-weighted alluvial PGA based on Idriss' weighting function (Youd and Idriss, 1997). It is important to note that the values obtained from this map are pseudo-accelerations and should be used in the formula for factor of safety without any magnitude-scaling (a factor of 1) applied.

BLACK STAR CANYON 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION

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PREDOMINANT EARTHQUAKE
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(Distance (km))

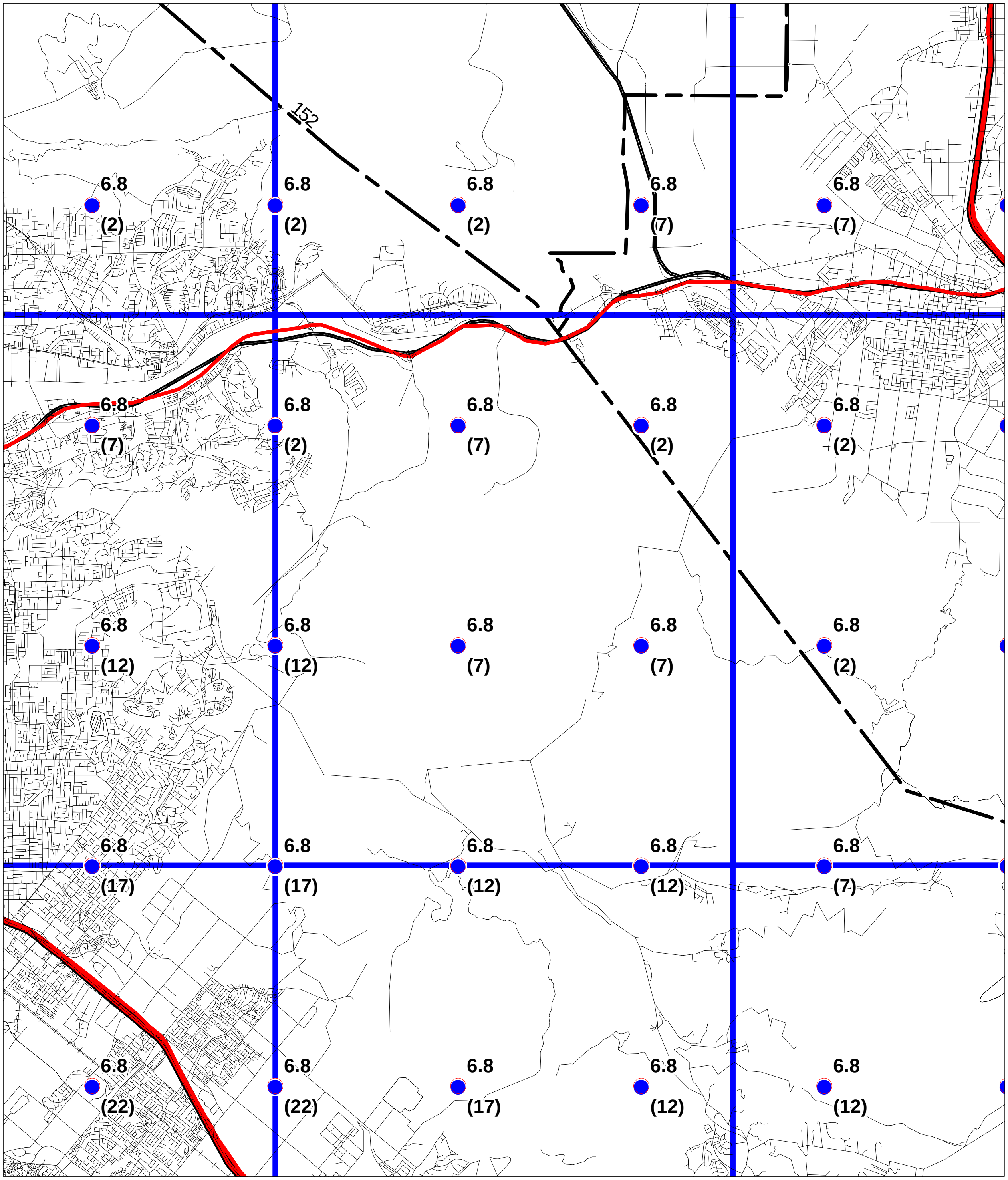

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Figure 3.4

BLACK STAR CANYON 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLE AND PORTIONS OF ADJACENT QUADRANGLES

10% EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS MAGNITUDE-WEIGHTED PSEUDO-PEAK ACCELERATION (g) FOR ALLUVIUM

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LIQUEFACTION OPPORTUNITY

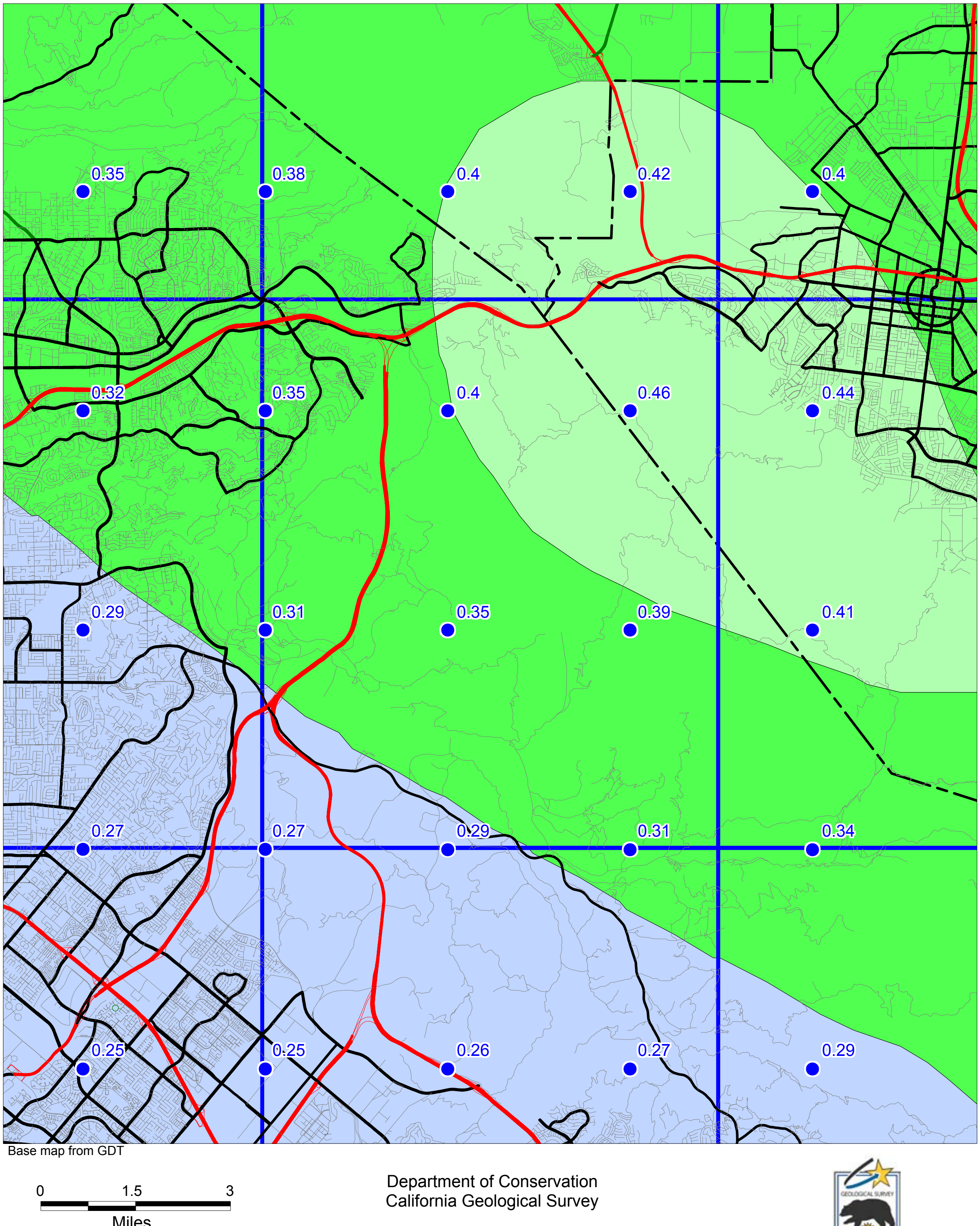

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Figure 3.5

USE AND LIMITATIONS

The statewide map of seismic hazard has been developed using regional information and is ***not appropriate for site specific structural design applications***. Use of the ground motion maps prepared at larger scale is limited to estimating earthquake-loading conditions for preliminary assessment of ground failure at a specific location. We recommend consideration of site-specific analyses before deciding on the sole use of these maps for several reasons.

1. The seismogenic sources used to generate the peak ground accelerations were digitized from the 1:750,000-scale fault activity map of Jennings (1994). Uncertainties in fault location are estimated to be about 1 to 2 kilometers (Petersen and others, 1996). Therefore, differences in the location of calculated hazard values may also differ by a similar amount. At a specific location, however, the log-linear attenuation of ground motion with distance renders hazard estimates less sensitive to uncertainties in source location.

2. The hazard was calculated on a grid at sites separated by about 5 km (0.05 degrees). Therefore, the calculated hazard may be located a couple kilometers away from the site. We have provided shaded contours on the maps to indicate regional trends of the hazard model. However, the contours only show regional trends that may not be apparent from points on a single map. Differences of up to 2 km have been observed between contours and individual ground acceleration values. *We recommend that the user interpolate PGA between the grid point values rather than simply using the shaded contours*.

3. Uncertainties in the hazard values have been estimated to be about +/- 50% of the ground motion value at two standard deviations (Cramer and others, 1996).

4. Not all active faults in California are included in this model. For example, faults that do not have documented slip rates are not included in the source model. Scientific research may identify active faults that have not been previously recognized. Therefore, future versions of the hazard model may include other faults and omit faults that are currently considered.

5. A map of the predominant earthquake magnitude and distance is provided from the deaggregation of the probabilistic seismic hazard model. However, it is important to recognize that a site may have more than one earthquake that contributes significantly to the hazard. Therefore, in some cases earthquakes other than the predominant earthquake should also be considered.

Because of its simplicity, it is likely that the SPPV method (DOC, 1997) will be widely used to estimate earthquake shaking loading conditions for the evaluation of ground failure hazards. It should be kept in mind that ground motions at a given distance from an earthquake will vary depending on site-specific characteristics such as geology, soil properties, and topography, which may not have been adequately accounted for in the regional hazard analysis. Although this variance is represented to some degree by the recorded ground motions that form the basis of the hazard model used to produce Figures 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3, extreme deviations can occur. More sophisticated methods that take into account other factors that may be present at the site (site amplification, basin effects, near source effects, etc.) should be employed as warranted. The decision to use the SPPV method with ground motions derived from Figures 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 should be based on careful consideration of the above limitations, the geotechnical and seismological aspects of the project setting, and the "importance" or sensitivity of the proposed building with regard to occupant safety.

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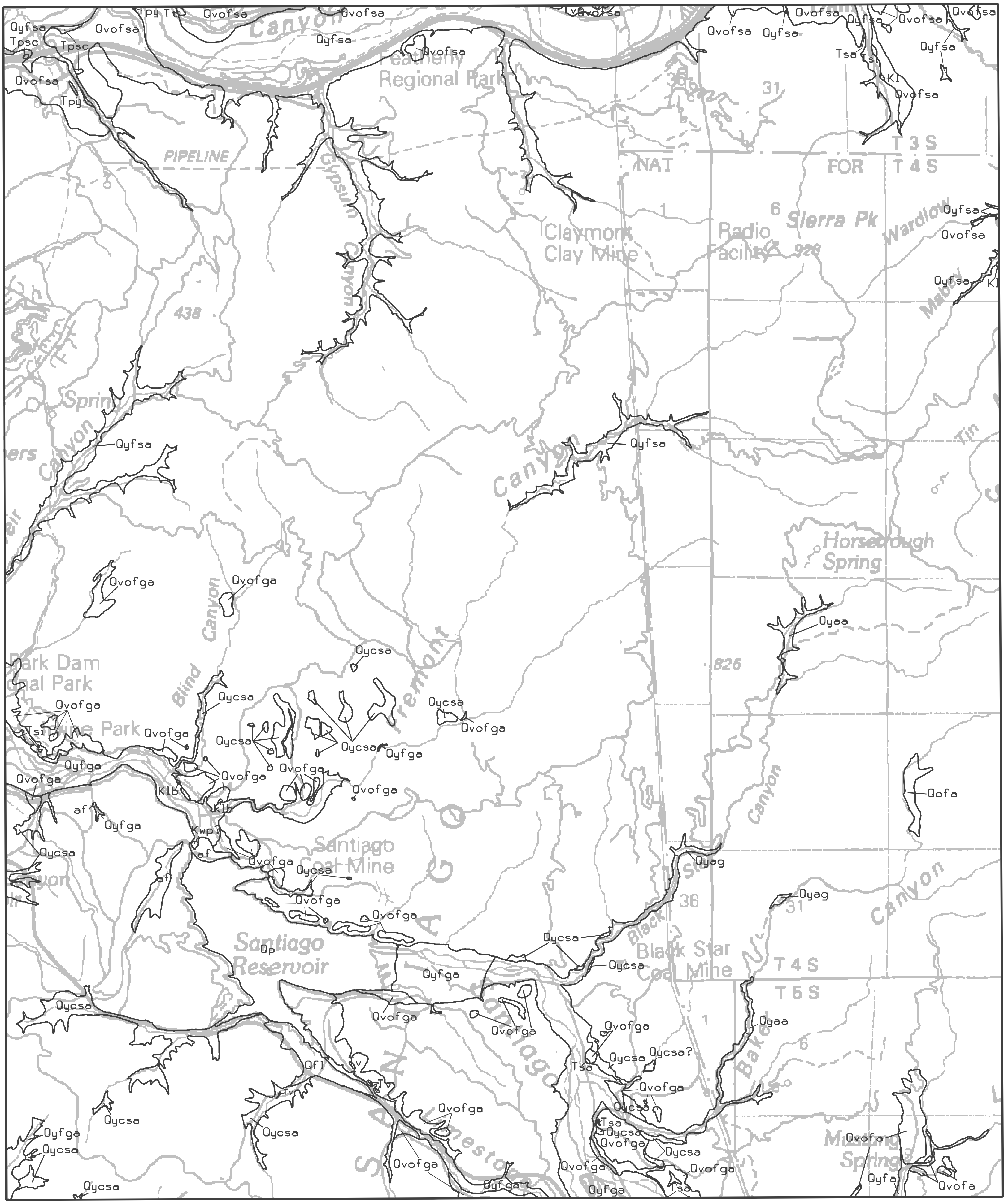

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Plate 1.1 Quaternary Geologic Map of the Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.
See Geologic Conditions section in report for descriptions of the units.

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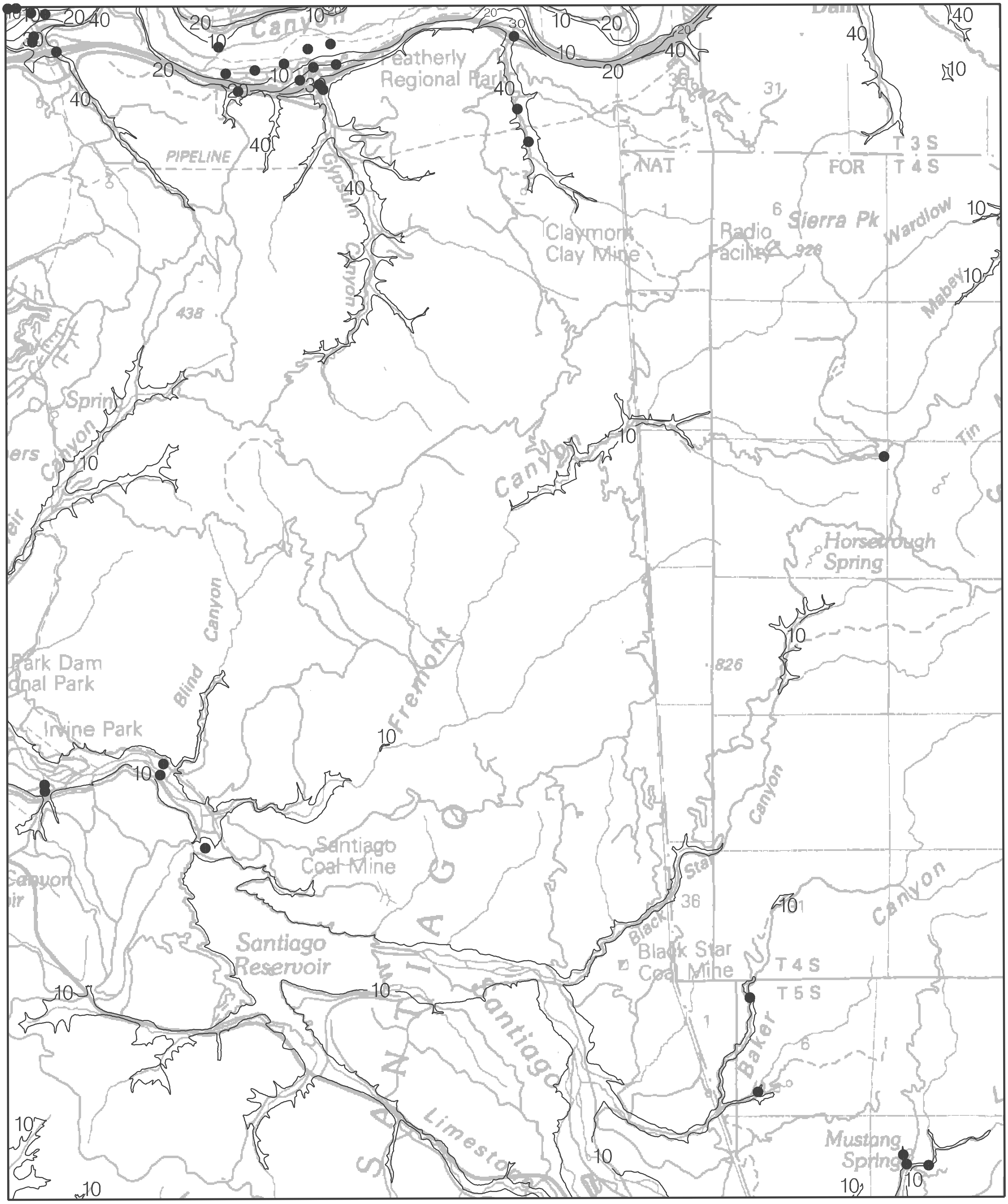

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Plate 1.2 Historically Highest Ground Water Contours and Borehole Log Data Locations, Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.

● Borehole Site

30 Depth to ground water in feet

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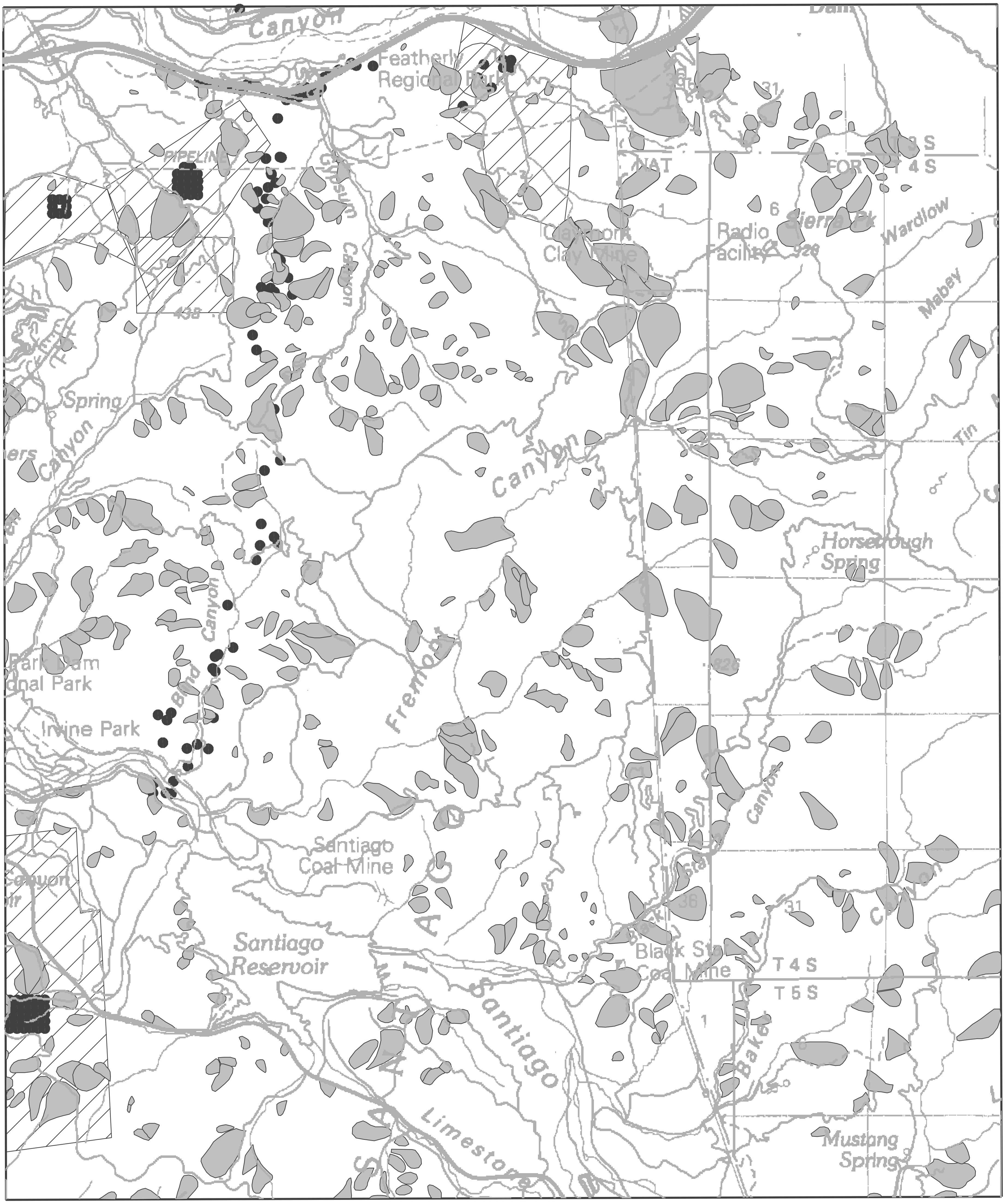

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Plate 2.1 Landslide inventory, Shear Test Sample Locations, Black Star Canyon Quadrangle.